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GENERAL ORGANIZATION

Organization work of the I.W.W. in this District is at a standstill, mainly because of the fact that the rank and file are not in sympathy with the policies of the present executive officers at I.W.W. Headquarters. It is rumored that this dissension will be brought up at the coming General Convention, and that the rank and file are preparing for an energetic attempt to bring about a general "shake-up" not only as to the personnel of the General Headquarters but also as to the principles and tactics applied by the present officials.

In an interview with Secretary-Treasurer JOHN GRADY, he (MR. GRADY) stated that the organization is strictly following the adopted policy of "hands off" in the present railroad strike. He declared that the strike is not a strike of the I.W.W. and that the organization did not authorize or approve the undue activities of some of the individuals who, claiming to be members of the I.W.W., attempted to propagate among the strikers in certain parts of the Country. In this interview between Secretary-Treasurer GRADY and AGENT MEDIN of this Bureau Office, MR. GRADY estimated the paid-up membership of the I.W.W. at 25,000, and the general membership at 70,000. These figures are undoubtedly exaggerated and include a great number of harvest hands who join the organization immediately before the harvest season every year and cease paying dues after the season is over. Agent's estimate of the paid-up membership of the I.W.W. on January 1, 1922, based upon the total of per capita

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tax paid into the General Treasury, was 12,822, and it is a known fact that the membership has not increased since then to such an extent that the figure of 25,000 could be accepted as correct.

The G.E.B. of the I.W.W. received an invitation from the PROVISIONAL INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF REVOLUTIONARY SYNDICALISTS, to their World Congress to be held at Berlin, Germany, during the week of November 12, 1922. Officials of the I.W.W. state that the I.W.W. will not be represented at that Congress, but that the aims and principles of that organization will be discussed at the General Convention of the I.W.W., which will be held at the same time, beginning November 13, 1922.

The General Organization Committee of the METAL MACHINERY WORKERS I.U. No. 440 decided upon a country-wide organization drive to be launched in the near future. JOHN BOWERMAN, Secretary-Treasurer of No. 440, and JOHN RADOCK, regular paid organizer of No. 440, will have charge of the drive in this district.

INDIVIDUALS

JACK LEHANEY and DAN HURTLEY, the latter, owner of a radical book-shop at 1237 West Madison Street, Chicago, addressed a meeting of railroad strikers on August 14, 1922, at Burnside, Illinois, condemning the policies of the C.F.of L. and advocating Industrial Unionism.

ARTHUR BOOSE, one time resident I.W.W. of this City, was elected G.E.B. member of AGRICULTURAL WORKERS I.U. No. 110.

ARTHUR COLEMAN, Secretary-Treasurer of LUMBER WORKERS I.U. No. 120, and ED HAYES, Secretary-Treasurer of METAL MINE WORKERS I.U. No. 210, are sending out ballots for nominations of members of the G.E.B. representing No. 120 and No. 210.

MEETINGS.

The JUGO SLAV BRANCH OF THE I.W.W. held a picnic on August 20, 1922, at Schwass Grove, Harlem Avenue and Roosevelt Road, at which HARRY PAICH, Organizer of No. 440 at Gary, Indiana, spoke in behalf of the "SNAGA RADNIKA", official paper of this Branch.

NEWSPAPERS and LITERATURE

The much heralded special light page issue of the "INDUSTRIAL SOLIDARITY" called "PACKING HOUSE NUMBER" does not contain anything worth while mentioning. Much space is devoted to general comments on the railroad and coal strike, and a number of columns are given to the FOOD INDUSTRY.

The next "Special Issue" will be a "Metal and Machinery Number"; this to be followed by a "Textile and Clothing Workers' Issue".